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SUBJECT: TFCMB1: DIPLOMATIC NOTES SENT TO MFA

1. THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE TEXTS OF TWO  
DIPLOMATIC NOTES DELIVERED TO THE MFA IN RESPONSE TO  
THE SEARCH OF OUR DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES AND THE  
STRAFFING OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMPOUNDS:

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(BEGIN TEXT DIP NOTE 236)

NO. 236

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS  
ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
(0) TERNS THE  
SEARCHES OF TWO EMBASSY VEHICLES WHICH WERE DRIVEN BY  
DIPLOMATS OF OUR MISSION DURING THE NIGHT OF JUNE  
8-9, 1989.

ON JUNE 8, 1989, AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 MIDNIGHT, A  
U.S. EMBASSY VAN, DIPLOMATIC LICENSE 224-0028, WAS  
RETURNING FROM THE AIRPORT WITH SEVEN DIPLOMATIC  
PERSONNEL OF THE MISSION. THE PERSONNEL HAD BEEN AT  
THE AIRPORT LATE TO ASSIST A CHARTER CONTINENTAL  
AIRLINES FLIGHT WHICH HAD LANDED EARLIER IN THE  
EVENING. THE VAN WAS STOPPED AT THE INTERSECTION OF  
THE AIRPORT ROAD AND THE THIRD RING ROAD AT GUNPOINT  
BY SOLDIERS OF CHINA'S PEOPLES LIBERATION ARMY.  
IDENTIFICATION WAS EXAMINED OF ALL THE OCCUPANTS AND  
THE VAN DOOR WAS OPENED.

A SOLDIER WITH A FLASHLIGHT EXAMINED THE INTERIOR OF  
THE VAN, VIOLATING DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL AND  
FRIGHTENING THE VAN OCCUPANTS. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY  
MINUTES LATER, A U.S. EMBASSY BUS, DIPLOMATIC LICENSE  
224-0074, WAS ALSO STOPPED NEAR THE SAME  
INTERSECTION. THIS BUS WAS ALSO DRIVEN BY A DIPLOMAT  
OF OUR MISSION WHO HAD BEEN ASSISTING THE CONTINENTAL

FLIGHT CREW AT THE AIRPORT AS WELL. WHILE SEVERAL  
GUNS (TWO AK-47S AND ONE 9-MM PISTOL) WERE POINTED IN  
HIS FACE AND THAT OF HIS WIFE, THEIR IDENTITY CARDS  
AND THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION WERE EXAMINED. A  
SOLDIER CHECKED THE INTERIOR AND UNDERCARRIAGE OF THE  
BUS WITH A FLASHLIGHT BEFORE THE TWO DIPLOMATS WERE  
ALLOWED TO PROCEED.

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WE WISH TO INFORM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
THAT THESE VEHICLES WERE TRAVELING FOR DIPLOMATIC  
PURPOSE AND DRIVEN BY LICENSED DIPLOMATIC MISSION  
PERSONNEL. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA OBJECTS TO THE MISTREATMENT OF OUR DIPLOMATIC  
PERSONNEL AND TO THE SEARCH CONDUCTED OF THESE  
VEHICLES BY SOLDIERS IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL  
PROTOCOLS. WE INSIST ON A FULL ACCOUNTING OF THESE  
TWO INCIDENTS.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SEEKS THE  
ASSURANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT  
THE RIGHTS OF OUR DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES BE PRESERVED.  
(END TEXT DIP NOTE 236)

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NOT ONLY IS THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES  
DISTRESSED OVER THE RISK TO THE LIVES OF OUR  
EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, AS WELL AS THE  
PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO THE APARTMENTS, IT ALSO IS  
CONCERNED ABOUT THE SERIOUS MENTAL STRAIN ITS EMBASSY  
PERSONNEL HAVE SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF THE ACTIONS OF  
THE PEOPLES LIBERATION ARMY. THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN  
WITHOUT REGARD FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF  
DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL EVEN THOUGH THIS EMBASSY HAD  
BEEN INFORMED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JUST  
A SHORT TIME PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT THAT THE SAFETY OF  
AMERICAN DIPLOMATS WOULD BE ASSURED. THE MINISTRY

HAD STATED THAT OUR SAFETY COULD BE GUARANTEED AS  
LONG AS WE ADHERED TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE MARTIAL  
LAW COMMAND. THE TWO SMALL CHILDREN WHO WERE IN  
APARTMENT 1-1-71 AT THE TIME IT WAS FIRED ON  
OBVIOUSLY HAD NOT VIOLATED ANY PROVISIONS OF THE  
MARTIAL LAW REGULATIONS.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEMANDS A  
FULL ACCOUNTING OF THIS INCIDENT AND WISHES  
ASSURANCES THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL  
TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CORRECT THE DAMAGE  
SUSTAINED. THE EMBASSY TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSURANCES  
OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.  
(END TEXT DIP NOTE 235)

2. SUBSEQUENT TO THE FILING OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE 235,  
POST DISCOVERED AN ADDITIONAL APARTMENT IN BUILDING  
ONE OF THE JIANGUOHENVAI COMPOUND. APARTMENT 1-2-71  
WHICH WAS UNOCCUPIED AT THE TIME BUT IS LEASED BY THE  
USGVO WAS ALSO STRUCK BY SEVERAL ROUNDS OF RIFLE  
FIRE. THE AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED BY OTHER FOREIGN  
DIPLOMATS THAT AT LEAST TWO ROUNDS ALSO STRUCK THE  
SANLITUN DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND ON THE 4TH AND 6TH  
FLOORS OF BUILDING ONE. THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THIS  
BUILDING HOUSES APARTMENTS FOR THE DCM AND ECON  
COUNSELOR.  
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